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SUBJ: AZOREAN DEVELOPMENTS: VISIT OF MADEIRAN REGIONAL PRESIDENT

1. EANES AND FLAG CRISES: REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT ALVARO MONJARDINO TOLD ME THAT DURING HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT EANES, EANES INDICATED THAT HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN DEALING WITH THE FLAG CRISES. MONJARDINO, WHO IS EANES' EMISSARY TO PORTUGUESE COMMUNITIES IN U.S. FOR "DAY OF THE COMMUNITIES" FESTIVITIES, BELIEVES IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE THE PREVIOUS GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN IT AND THE PRESIDENT.

2. MADEIRAN REGIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS: THE PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ORNELAS CAMACHO VISITED PONTA DELGADA MAY 31 AND JUNE 1 FOR TALKS WITH HIS AZOREAN COUNTERPART. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED THE END OF THE VISIT MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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---THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS FIRMLY SUPPORT SOCIAL DEMOCRACY, CONSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY WHICH IS SUSCEPTABLE TO PROGRESSIVE AMPLIFICATION AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

---THEY DEPLORE PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT CONDITIONS IN THE REGIONS WHICH ARE PERFECTLY NORMAL.

---THE ACCELERATION OF THE TRANSFER OF POWERS TO THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS IS ESSENTIAL.

---THE REGIONS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON PORTUGAL'S ENTRY IN THE COMMON MARKET AND ON APPLICATION OF A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE.

---REGIONAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE ACCOUNTS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN A TOAST AT THE DINNER IN ORNELAS CAMACHO'S HONOR, MOTA AMARAL PRAISED PRESIDENT EANES.

3. VIEWS IN TERCEIRA: IN A RECENT CONVERSATION, A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND LEADER OF THE PSD IN TERCEIRA BLAMED LISBON FOR THE FLAG CRISES, BUT SAID SOME PSD MEMBERS IN SAO MIGUEL CONTRIBUTED TO THE CRISES BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER CLEARLY DEFINED THEIR POSITION ON SEPARATISM. HE CRITISIZED THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR DRAGGING ITS FEET ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE REGION, PARTICULARLY ON THE TRANSFER OF POWERS TO THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE FLAG CRISES IN HIS OPINION STRENGTHENED FLA AND RADICALIZED THE POSITIONS OF THE PS AND PSD. (NOTE: THE PSD ON TERCEIRA AND ON SAO MIGUEL HAVE DIFFERED ON SEPARATISM SINCE 1975; THOSE ON TERCEIRA ALWAYS PREFERING TO DRAW A CLEAR LINE BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.)

4. COMMENT: MOTA AMARAL IS WASTING NO TIME IN ATTEMPTING TO PATCH UP HIS RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT EANES. IN THE VIEW OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, EANES'S SUPPORT IS NECESSARY TO PROD THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO THE REGION'S LEGITIMATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUESTS. IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE GONE ON RECORD FAVOURING PROGRESSIVE AUTONOMY, A GRADUAL BUT CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN THE SCOPE OF REGIONAL POWERS. PFEIFLE

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